

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 230 Date 5/4/89

Full name Rev. Walter N. Stone Leader # 002543

Social Security Number N/A

Address [REDACTED]

City Fitchburg State Mass. Zip Code 01420

Date of Birth 9/32 (This is important and should be exact)

Religion Protestant Nationality American

Occupation Minister

Education Boston University Theology

Weight N/A Height 5' 0' Race White

Color of hair Brown/Balding Color of eyes N/A

Outstanding characteristics or interests N/A

Married or single Married Children [REDACTED]  
(number, ages and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections: Chartered organization Rollstone Congregational Church

Unit	City	State	Position	Date Regis.	Date Suspended
Tp. 41	Fitchburg	MA	Exec. Officer/MC	1979	5/4/89
Co. 230	Lancaster	MA	Exec. Board	1979	5/4/89

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Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Suspended (See attached)

Signed *Steven Mark...*  
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Council Nashua Valley

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A. GRAVES

November 28, 1989

Mr. Steven W. Montgomery  
Scout Executive  
Nashua Valley Council, No. 230

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: REV. WALTER N. STONE

Dear Steve:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

CONF012188



# NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

1980 Lunenburg Road

Lancaster, MA 01523

Memo

To: Paul Ernst, Registration  
From: Steven Montgomery, Scout Executive  
Re: Confidential File - Rev. Walter Stone  
Date: November 9, 1989

Attached please find a newsrelease concerning the disposition of the case of Rev. Walter Stone.

Please contact me if additional information is required.



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CONF012189

# Ex-pastor is convicted in sexual assault case

By Gary V. Murray  
Staff Reporter

A Fitchburg minister was sentenced to seven to 15 years in the state prison in Walpole yesterday after being convicted on charges of sexually molesting two boys.

A Worcester Superior Court jury deliberated for about two hours before convicting the Rev. Walter N. Stone, former pastor of the Rollstone Congregational Church in Fitchburg, on one count of rape

of a child under the age of 16, four counts of indecent assault and battery, one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14 and two counts of committing an unnatural act with a child under the age of 16.

Judge Robert V. Mulkern allowed a defense motion for a required finding of not guilty on another count of rape of a child un-

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## Minister sentenced to prison

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der the age of 16 because the testimony regarding the charge did not coincide with the date of the offense as listed on the indictment.

The two victims, one now 21 and the other now 18, testified that they met the Rev. Mr. Stone as a result of their membership in the Rollstone Congregational Church. The Rev. Mr. Stone had been pastor of the church since 1979 and resigned in May of this year after the charges were filed against him.

The younger of the two victims testified that he began attending weekly counseling sessions with

masturbated him three or four times a week with his consent.

Consent was an issue on the indecent assault and battery charges because it was Assistant District Attorney Thomas E. Landry's burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the victims did not consent to the acts.

In his instructions to the jury, Mulkern said the age of the victim was a "crucial factor" to consider in determining the question of consent.

Consent could not be used as a defense on the child rape and unnatural act charges because the law does not recognize the possibility of a person's consent

Concord State Prison sentence with a portion of the sentence to be served and the balance suspended with probation. Brekka suggested that as a condition of probation, his client be required to undergo counseling.

Brekka said the Rev. Mr. Stone, who grew up in Gardner, is 36 years old, has been married for 25 years and is the father of four children. Brekka said his client is an Air Force veteran and a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. He said the Rev. Mr. Stone holds a doctorate in theology from Boston University, is an ordained minister and worked at several churches before coming to Rollstone Congregational.

After his arrest, the minister admitted himself to McLean Hospital

October 10, 1989

READY FOR FILE

OCT 11 1989

Mr. Steven W. Montgomery  
Scout Executive  
Nashua Valley Council, No. 230

A. GRAVES

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Rev. Walter D. Stone

Dear Steve:

I know the above named individual was charged with sex crimes, and wondered if the legal action had now been completed.

I know these things sometimes move very slowly, but if there has been a conviction and sentencing we would like to have this for our file. This would then give us all the information we need for having a permanent file.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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# NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

1980 Lunenburg Road

Lancaster, MA 01523

July 17, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst  
National Council, BSA/Registration  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Re: Rev. Walter Stone  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Paul,

Per your request, we will keep you updated on the status of this situation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Scouting,

Steven Montgomery  
Scout Executive



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CONF012192

# Stone indicted on sex charges

By Roger Gaboury  
Staff writer

FITCHBURG.— The Rev. Walter Stone was indicted on 12 counts of sexual assault and abuse by a Worcester County grand jury Wednesday, bypassing a scheduled district court hearing, according to an assistant district attorney.

The former pastor of the Rollstone Congregational Church, who had served there 10 years before resigning in light of his arrest, still faces all of the charges that Fitchburg police brought against him after their investigation into a complaint by a family member of one of the alleged victims.

Stone, of 43 Blossom St., was scheduled for a probable cause hearing in Fitchburg District Court this morning but Assistant District Attorney Mike Coughlin said the district attorney decided to take the "direct indictment" route.

The decision meant bringing the evidence and testimony first to the grand jury instead of through a probable cause hearing in the district court. A district court hearing is usually held to determine if there is probable cause to further try a defendant on charges before sending the case to the grand jury and the superior court level.

Neither Assistant District Attorney Thomas Landry, who is scheduled to prosecute the case, nor District Attorney John Conte were available for comment on the case this morning.

Stone faces four counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over age 14, four counts of rape, three counts of rape of a child, two counts of sodomy and one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

The 57-year-old reverend has pleaded not guilty to all charges in district court.

Coughlin said this morning that procedure calls for the charges to be dismissed at the district court level once the defendant is arraigned in Superior Court.

A status report is scheduled in Fitchburg District Court for July 27 to see if Stone has been arraigned, Coughlin said.

Stone was arrested May 4 following a complaint by a family member of one of the alleged victims. The charges stem from alleged incidents spanning 1982 through 1986 involving Stone's ministry and his affiliation with the Boy Scout troop at the church.

Stone's membership with the Boy Scouts organization has since been suspended.

# Minister indicted on sex abuse charges

By Peter B. Nugent  
Staff Reporter

A Worcester County grand jury indicted the Rev. Dr. Walter N. Stone of Fitchburg yesterday on child sexual abuse charges.

The grand jury indicted Stone on charges of:

- Indecent assault and battery on a child on or about Feb. 15, 1982.
- Indecent assault and battery and committing an unnatural act with a child on various dates from about April 7, 1982, to about Dec. 31, 1982.
- Indecent assault and battery and committing an unnatural act with a child on various dates from about Jan. 1, 1983, to about Dec. 31, 1983.
- Indecent assault and battery and rape of a child on various dates from about Jan. 1, 1985, to about Dec. 31, 1985.
- Indecent assault and battery

and rape of a child on various dates from about Jan. 1, 1986, to about Dec. 1, 1986; all in Fitchburg.

Stone, the former minister of Rollstone Congregational Church in Fitchburg, had been scheduled to appear yesterday in Fitchburg District Court for a probable cause hearing in the case, but the hearing was canceled because of the indictment. The case will be heard in Worcester Superior Court.

Stone had been the pastor of Rollstone Congregational Church since March 1979. He resigned the day charges were filed against him.

Stone's lawyer, Kenneth L. Brekka of Worcester, said an arraignment date has not been scheduled in Superior Court.

"He's going to enter a plea of not guilty, but other than that, he has no other comment at this time," Brekka said.

Charges were filed May 4 by

Fitchburg police after complaints were made against Stone by family members of an alleged victim and after evidence was found in the Rollstone Congregational Church. Police would not say what the evidence was.

Stone turned himself in to police after he was questioned about the complaints.

Fitchburg Police Chief Edward J. Gallant Jr. said the alleged victims included members of the church and Boy Scout Troop 41, which has been sponsored by the church for 42 years.

Stone has remained free on personal recognizance since charges were filed. Brekka said he does not expect that to change once the case reaches Superior Court.

The grand jury also indicted five other people yesterday in its fifth report of the July session to Superior Court Judge William C. O'Neill Jr.

The panel also returned a no bill





## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
[REDACTED]

May 15, 1989

Mr. Steven W. Montgomery  
Scout Executive  
Nashua Valley Council, No. 230

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Walter N. Stone

Dear Steve:

We appreciate the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we build a file in order to refuse registration in the future.

We would like a document with Rev. Stone's signature, if you have this available, as this aids in the identification process. Otherwise the Confidential Record was very complete.

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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ROLLSTONE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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WALTER STONE

MAIN ST

MAIN ST  
FITCHBURG

MA 01420

BOYS LIFE: TERM 12 BEGINS 03/89 ENDS 02/90

EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

*Walter M. Stone*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

*Timothy Todd*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION	QTY	FEE
UNIT CHARTER FEE		\$ 20.00
PD YOUTH	18	\$ 126.00
MULTIPLE YOUTH	0	XXXXXXXX
PD YOUTH B/L SUBS	17	\$ 112.20
PD ADULTS	15	\$ 105.00
MULTIPLE ADULTS	4	XXXXXXXX
PD ADULT B/L SUBS	4	\$ 26.40
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED		\$ 389.60

419 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

HANDICAPPED CODE

100% BOYS LIFE? ☒

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ADULT MEMBER LISTING

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520	CC	✓	PHILIP D	JORDAN	FITCHBURG	MA	01420	00/00	
965	MC	✓	EMILY C M	FUNK	FITCHBURG	MA	01420	10/52	
479	MC	✓	BEATRICE M	JORDAN	FITCHBURG	MA	01420	01/46	
522	MC	✓	CHARLES A	LOWE	FITCHBURG	MA	01420	09/39	

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5/17/83

# Child rape alleged

## Pastor charged

By Roger Gaboury  
Staff writer

**FITCHBURG** — Numerous child rape and abuse charges were brought against the Rev. Dr. Walter Stone Monday after an investigation into alleged incidents that have spanned four to five years, according to the police chief.

Stone, who has been the pastor of Rollstone Congregational Church for the past 10 years, is charged with 12 counts of various sex crimes that are "just a representation" of the allegations against him, said Police Chief Edward Gallant.

"The frequency of the occurrences are just too numerous to address," he said.

After police talked to Stone at the start of the in



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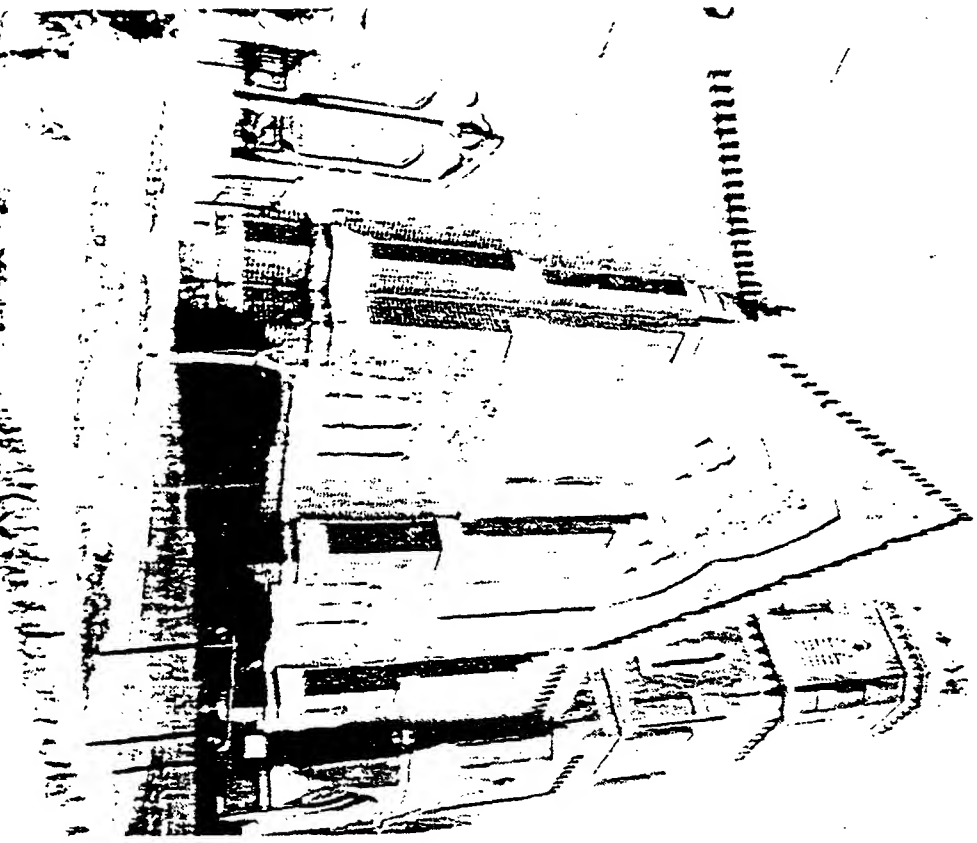
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## Parish is united

By Scott McLennan  
Staff writer

**FITCHBURG** — Parishioners of the Rollstone Congregational church expressed pain, but offered compassion Monday when reacting to news that their pastor had stepped down last week amidst allegations of sexual misconduct.

The Rev. Walter Stone resigned Thursday as minister of the church after turning himself in to police to face a charge of indecent assault and battery on a child under



Staff photo by Beth Benjamin

**TROUBLED PARISH** — Parishioners at the Rollstone Congregational Church are pulling together to comfort each other following the resignation of the church's pastor.

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# Stone

from a family member of one of the alleged victims who is also a church member.

Gallant stressed that the investigation into the alleged incidents is continuing, and he believes there may be additional victims. Stone is expected to be arraigned on the new charges in a hearing at Fitchburg District Court next week. He was released on his own recognizance after being arraigned on the initial felony charge in the court last Thursday.

Items confiscated in a search of the church last week will be presented as evidence in court, Gallant said. He said Stone is presently undergoing psychiatric counseling, although he did not know at which facility.

Gallant said that Stone knew the alleged victims through "his ministry and his affiliation with the Boy Scout troop at that church."

The chief said he has met with past and present church members to inform and advise them on the arrest and has been in consultation with church and Boy Scouts officials.

Gallant said that after further investigation led by Lt. Kenneth Galtz and Detective Paul Alesi, Stone was additionally charged with four counts of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, two counts of rape and abuse of a child under 16, three counts of rape and two counts of incest against nature (sodomy).

Gallant said that Stone knew the alleged victims through "his ministry and his affiliation with the Boy Scout troop at that church."

The chief said some of the alleged victims reportedly took place in the church and in other places in Fitchburg, including Stone's 443 Blossom St. home.

Stone has since turned in his resignation to Holliston Congregational Church and has been suspended from overseeing the Boy Scout troop that the church sponsors.

Gallant refused to discuss the incidents in the alleged incidents, but said the complaint that sparked the investigation last Thursday came

# Parish

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Police said yesterday a further investigation prompted them to file more charges, including four counts of indecent assault and battery on a person who has attained the age of 14; two counts of rape and abuse of a child under the age of 16; three counts of rape; and two counts of sodomy.

Police Chief Edward Gallant said the charges against Stone stem from incidents that took place over a period of four to five years. Stone allegedly knew the assault victims through his work with them in the ministry and his affiliation with the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the church, Gallant said.

Stone's 300 parishioners were told of their pastor's resignation and some of the circumstances behind it prior to church services on Sunday, that he burned out. Why it turned in the direction it did, no one will ever know," she said.

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# Local news

## Groups aiming to pr

By Peter B. Nugent  
Staff Reporter

**FITCHBURG** — Local youth leaders, stunned by last week's revelation that a Fitchburg Congregational minister has been charged with 12 counts of child sexual abuse, say their organizations have taken steps in recent years to combat such abuse.

Steven Montgomery, Scout executive for the Nashoba Valley Boy Scout Council, said the Boy Scouts nationwide have instituted a program designed to prevent child abuse — sexual, physical and psychological — both inside and outside their organization.

The Nashoba Valley Council oversees Boy Scout Troop 41, to which some or all of the alleged victims in the recent abuse case belonged, according to police. The Rev. Dr. Walter N. Stone, 57, of the Rollstone Congregational Church, has been charged with one count of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, four counts of indecent assault and battery on a child

over 14, two counts of rape and abuse of a child under 16, three counts of rape and two counts of sodomy.

### WAS SUSPENDED

Montgomery said Stone, who has lived in Fitchburg for 10 years, was immediately suspended as a member of the Troop 41 advisory committee after the charges against him were revealed. Montgomery said he has learned that none of the alleged abuses occurred during Scouting activities.

Police have provided no details of the alleged assaults except to say they resulted from activities connected with Stone's "ministry and affiliation with the Boy Scout troop at the church," and that some abuses allegedly occurred in the church during counseling sessions.

For several years, Montgomery said, the Boy Scouts have had strict regulations involving the interaction between Scouts and Scout leaders, which would have

**'T** here's very little alone with a child. Very thing.'

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made interaction between and any troop members or impossible during activities. He said the regulations include the requirement adults always be present. Scouts are either involved in Scouting activities also said leaders are involved from meeting one-on-one Scouts.

"For this type of activity, on, the person involved has uncomfortable, and we're create an environment that them feel uncomfortable. The child abuse prevention

May 15, 1989

Mr. Steven W. Montgomery  
Scout Executive  
Nashua Valley Council, No. 230

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Walter N. Stone

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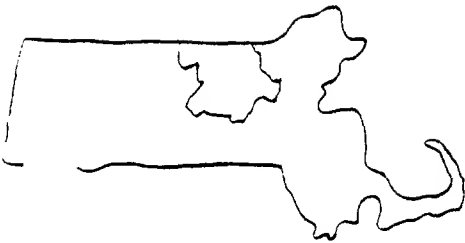
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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MAY 16 1989  
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# NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

1980 Lunenburg Road

Lancaster, MA 01523

Memo

To: Paul Ernst  
From: Steven Montgomery, Scout Executive  
Re: Rev. Walter Stone/Membership Suspension  
Date: 5/9/89

The attached news article is in support of the materials previously sent to you concerning Rev. Walter Stone.

Yours in Scouting,

Steven Montgomery  
Scout Executive



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CONF012201

# Minister resigns amid abuse charges

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under 14. Yesterday he was charged with four counts of indecent assault and battery on a child over 14, two counts of rape and abuse of a child under 16, three counts of rape and two counts of sodomy.

Stone was released on personal recognizance for appearance in Fitchburg District Court May 16.

Gallant said Stone is undergoing psychiatric counseling at an undisclosed location.

Kathleen Ennis Durstine, associate minister of the Rollstone Congregational Church, 199 Main St., said Stone resigned as minister of the church last Thursday. She said church officials accepted the resignation, and the Rev. Richard Sparrow, associate conference minister for the Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ, was brought in to help the church recover from the revelation.

## RESPONSE

"There's been a wonderful effort on the part of the Rev. Richard Sparrow to begin the healing process and a wonderful response from the parishioners and the members of the community to these concerns," she said.

Rev. Durstine said a lawyer from the Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ has advised church members not to discuss the charges against Stone. She said the charges came as a surprise to her.

Chuck Funk, scout master of Boy Scout Troop 41, which has been sponsored by Rollstone Church for 42 years, said Stone was immediately suspended as a member of the troop's advisory committee after scouting officials learned of the charges against him on Thursday. Funk said no determination has been made on what will be done to help the troop

members cope with the situation.

"There have been numerous meetings held, and it's still under discussion what the troop is going to do," he said.

## DISCUSSION

Gallant said police met with church members and Boy Scout leaders on Sunday to discuss the charges against Stone. He said the meeting was an emotional one.

"We understand that the issue is a sensitive one. There are many good parishioners who are deeply affected," he said.

Steven Montgomery, scout executive for the Nashoba Valley Boy Scout Council, to which Troop 41 belongs, said the council acted quickly to suspend Stone because of the strong stand the Boy Scouts of America has taken on the issue of child sexual abuse.

"The Boy Scouts nationally will not tolerate any kind of activity of that kind," he said.

## QUESTIONED

Gallant said police first questioned Stone after the initial complaints were made last Thursday. Later the same day, he said, Stone came to police headquarters on his own and was charged. Gallant said police then obtained a search warrant for the church, where unidentified evidence was seized resulting in additional charges.

Gallant said the charges represent only a portion of the complaints made against Stone. "The frequency and occurrence of the crimes are too numerous to address," he said.

In most cases, Gallant said, the alleged sexual assaults happened during counseling sessions between Stone and the victims. He said Stone personally knew all the victims.

Gallant said the investigation is continuing.

Stone had been pastor of the

Rollstone Congregational Church since March 1979. Before that he was pastor of the Federated Church in Marlborough, N.H., and before that he was at the First Congregational Church in Stoughton, where he was ordained. He is originally from Central Falls, R.I.

## Minister charged in rapes

### Boy Scouts, others are alleged victims

By Peter B. Nugent  
Staff Reporter

FITCHBURG — The Rev. Dr. Walter N. Stone, a Congregational minister in the city for 10 years, has been charged by police with rape and sexual abuse involving children who were either members of Rollstone Congregational Church or members of a Boy Scout troop at the church.

Police Chief Edward J. Gallant Jr. said an investigation of complaints against Stone began last week after family members of an alleged victim came forward. Gallant said the case involves complaints "too numerous to enumerate" of rape and sexual abuse that allegedly occurred over the last four to five years.

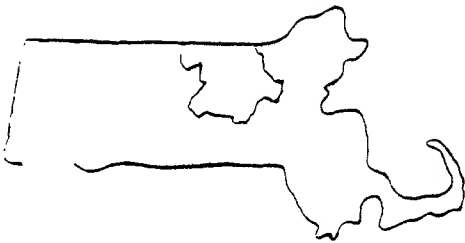
"The events that we allege occurred over several years, having to do with Rev. Stone's ministry and affiliation with the Boy Scout troop at the church.

"Some of the events allegedly occurred in the church and at other places in Fitchburg," Gallant said.

## CHARGED

Stone was initially charged last Thursday with one count of indecent assault and battery on a child





# NASHUA VALLEY COUNCIL

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC.

1980 Lunenburg Road

Lancaster, MA 01523

Phone [REDACTED]

May 5, 1989

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration Service  
National Office  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

In reference to my phone call of 5/4/89 regarding Rev. Walter Stone, attached please find the required confidential record sheet and related information.

The Nashua Valley Council suspended Rev. Stone's registration per the procedures outlined in the Standards of Leadership manual on 5/4/89.

The justification for this action was based on notification by a member of the troop committee and the parent of two former scouts (current ages 18 & 21) that sexual abuse charges had been filed by these two former scouts against Rev. Stone.

Additional information will be forwarded as available. Please advise as to additional required procedural items. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting,

Steven Montgomery  
Scout Executive



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# WATS CALL FORM

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COUNCIL # 230

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER: ~~BOB D'AMICO~~

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STEVEN MOTT COMERY

TYPE OF PROBLEM

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RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN  
LARGE CHURCH

REV. WALTER STONE (EXEC.  
FITCHBURG, MA BOARD)

CHILD ABUSE CHARGES BY  
TWO YOUTH MEMBERS (NOW 18 AND 21)  
SINCE OR FOR UP TO NINE YEARS  
OTHER YOUTH (NOT SCOUTS) INVOLVED

SILVER BEAR CANDIDATE (CANCELLED)

INFO TO CASE

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5/4/89  
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